

**COLLEGE STATION ATHLETICS**  
**2014 COED VOLLEYBALL**  
**RULE EXCEPTIONS/CLARIFICATION'S**

1. The official rules shall be those adopted by USA Volleyball (USAV).
2. Games will start promptly as scheduled.
3. No uniform requirements except that you must wear some sort of rubberized sole shoe that will not mark or scrape the gym floor. No hats with extended bills can be worn.
4. All line and net violations will be called as in regulation volleyball.
5. Catches and throws will be violations.
6. You may not step on the end line while serving. Either the underhand or overhand serving methods are legal. If serving underhand, then there must be a clear release for the serve to be legal. **A serve that hits the net and still goes over and lands in bounds, will count as a legal serve.**
7. Any ball hitting on any part of the boundary lines is considered in bounds.
8. A game will be played to twenty-five (25) points. You must win by a 2 point advantage in each game. **Each game will be played by rally scoring rules.** In rally scoring, a point is scored every time there is a side out whether you are serving or receiving.
9. A match will consist of (3) games with a 50 minute time limit. The clock will stop during timeouts. If the match is still in progress after 50 minutes, then the match will be declared over and whoever is ahead at that time will be declared the winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> game. The champion of each division will be determined by total games won and not by matches won. **EXCEPTION: In the playoffs, the match will be the best 2 out 3 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> game being played to 15 with no time limit.**
10. When the ball is played by more than one (1) player on a team, one of these players must be a female. There is no requirement for a male player to contact the ball.
11. No more than three (3) hits per side per exchange, excluding attempted blocks.
12. The service may not be blocked or spiked.
13. To determine who serves first, a coin will be flipped and the winner of the toss will choose either to serve or which side to defend. The team that received service to start the first game will serve the second game. The third game will be served by the winner of a coin flip as in game #1. **Exception: If a team loses the first two games of a match, then they will automatically serve the 3<sup>rd</sup> game.** The sides will not switch after the eighth point of the third game.

14. **Divisional Tie Breaker** – 1) Head to head, 2) playoff match (If the two teams meet in the tournament, then that match will be for the divisional shirts), 3) point differential between the tied teams during the head to head competition. (If the two teams do not meet in the tournament, the team that has given up the least amount of points in the head to head competition will win the league and receive the divisional shirts).
15. **Seeding the Tournament** - The tournament will be seeded in order of divisional record. If there is a tie after looking at head to head competition then the score between the tied teams will determine the seed. The team that has given up the least amount of points in the head to head competition will receive the higher seed. If the teams are still tied at this point, then a coin flip will be used to decide seeding for the tournament.
16. Any recreational or intermediate team winning T-shirts must move up to next highest league, unless approved by the sports office to stay in the same division.
17. The sports office reserves the right to rule on all matters, whether mentioned in these rules or not and all decisions made by the Parks and Recreation Representatives are final.
18. A co-ed team should consist of three (3) men and three (3) women. Serving order and position will alternate by sex. **(Exception: If a team is using 4 females and two males, the team may line up the males in opposite positions from each other. This will allow the team to have at least one male on the front line at all times.)** A team may start with less than six (6) players, but no more than three (3) males or (4) four females can be in the game at the same time. A team can not play with less than (3) three and (1) one of those players must be female. The ghost rule will be in effect for teams with fewer than 6 players.  
\* A ghost is a position in the rotation where a player is not present. A ghost may be placed anywhere in the rotation according to sex and male/female rules. When the ghost rotates into the serving position, a side out will occur and the serve will go to the opposing team.
19. (1) Player eligibility protests must be made before the end of the first game or when that player enters the match if not in the first game. (2) The protest cannot be made after the match. (3) If there is a player eligibility protest during a game the following shall occur:
  - a) a valid picture ID will be requested by the official for identity.
  - b) once identity has been determined and protest filed, the match will continue. If the player is there and identity cannot be determined, then suspected player must sign back of score card and present ID at Parks & Recreation Office the next working day for verification.
  - c) player eligibility will be determined by the site supervisor during the tournament or by the Parks staff the next business day if it occurs during league play.
  - d) the team that was found with the illegal player shall forfeit that match.
  - e) College Station Sports will determine further action against the illegal player and/or team.
  - f) the player is ineligible to participate at all until a decision has been made by College Station Sports.
20. No roster shall exceed 12 players. Players can only play on one (1) team per season.

21. Add/drops to rosters will not be accepted after the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the season (**deadline 4/11/14 at 5 pm**) unless a special exception is made by the sports office.
22. Substitutions can be made only in the center back position. The exception is for injuries only.
23. Updates of each league will be posted on the website and/or emailed to the coaches on Friday after play is complete for the week.

\* We encourage questions, observations or comments about the league. We are here to serve you and if you have a problem with players, officials or spectators, please bring it to our attention.